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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Norihisa OOE et al. Conf.: 8838
Application No. 09/550,173 Group: 1636
Filed: April 14, 2000 Examiner: K. Davis
For: CELL FOR MEASURING THE ABILITY TO CONTROL
THE ACTIVITY OF A LIGAND-RESPONSIVE
TRANSCRIPTION CONTROL FACTOR

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 11, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

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17. (Amended) An animal cell expressing a gene coding a ligand-responsive transcription control factor and securely maintaining a DNA comprising in a molecule, the following genes (a) and (b):